GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:306
ANSWERED ON:24.07.2001
PROMOTION OF SANSKRIT LANGUAGE
BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) : whether any special scheme is going on for the education and promotion of Sanskrit language in the country ;

(b) : if so, the amount of assistance sanctioned for promoting Sanskrit during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) : the specific steps taken by various State Governments to promote Sanskrit language during the said period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (c) : A statement is enclosed.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 306 FOR 2001 ASKED BY SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB REGARDING PROMOTION OF SANSKRIT LANGUAGE

(a) Yes, Sir. The Government of India has formulated various schemes / programmes for the development of Sanskrit Education. These schemes/ programmes are being implemented by the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, an autonomous organisation under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, throughits 8 constituent Vidyapeethas/ Shodh Sansthans and 21 Adarsh Mahavidyalayas. Further, two Deemed Universitiesi.e. Sri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, NewDelhi and Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Tirupati impart education at various levels through the medium of Sanskrit and offer facilities for research. In addition, 435 Sanskrit centers in various Universities and colleges are being run by University Grants Commission.

Also Maharshi Sandipani Rashtriya Ved Vidya Pratishthan, Ujjain, an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, undertakes various activities including support to traditional vedic institutions and scholars and providing scholarships/fellowships for the promotion of vedic studies and research.

Besides, under the Central Plan Scheme of Development of Sanskrit Education, financial assistance isgranted to Eminent Sanskrit Pandits in indigent circumstances, scholarships given to students of High/Higher SecondarySchools, assistanceprovided for the teaching of Sanskrit in Secondary Schools, for the modernization of Sanskrit Pathshalas andother grants given to State Governments for various schemes for the promotion of Sanskrit. Under the Central Scheme, financial assistance to Deemed Universities/CBSE/NCERT / SCERT etc. is also given to improve the methodology of teaching Sanskrit in schools.

Various programmes and schemes linking Sanskrit and computerization have already been taken up bygovernment agencies like CDAC and the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan.

(b) A State-wise list of financial assistance given under the Central Plan Scheme during the lastthree years for the development of Sanskrit Education is annexed.

(c) Apart from implementing the Central Scheme, various State Governments have their own schemes for the promotion of Sanskrit.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXUREREFFERED TO INPART (b) OF THESTATEMENTOF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 306FOR 24-7-2001 ASKED BY SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB REGARDING PROMOTION OF SANSKRIT LANGUAGE

(a) Financial assistance to State Governments/Union Territories under the Central Plan Scheme of Development of Sanskrit.

(Rupees. in lakhs)

Amount released.

No	Name of the State	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	4.33	8.73	24.99
2.	ASSAM	-	-	2.27
3.	BIHAR	0.20	87.62	0.53
4.	GUJARAT	2.25	8.80	3.95
5.	HARYANA	6.71	0.97	1.58
6.	HIMACHAL PRADESH	60.18	131.68	116.39
7	JAMMU & KASHMIR	0.74	-	-
8.	KERALA	20.31	5.71	34.63
9.	KARNATAKA	131.59	58.61	30.00
10	MAHARASHTRA	4.95	0.60	0.50
11	MADHYA PRADESH	73.03	46.50	76.03
12	MANIPUR	1.08	1.77	2.03
13	MEGHALAYA	0.10	0.10	-
14	ORISSA	2.04	64.50	-
15	PUNJAB	0.40	0.20	0.10
16	RAJASTHAN	26.13	-	52.63
17	TAMIL NADU	22.17	46.23	20.82
18	TRIPURA	5.91	3.09	6.57
19	UTTAR PRADESH	9.92	11.12	14.82
20	WEST BENGAL	18.74	4.45	25.83
21	DELHI	91.08	10.68	0.78
22	PONDICHERRY	0.06	0.06	0.064
23	GOA	0.88	0.09	0.086
24	CHANDIGARH	0.35	-	-
25	SIKKIM	0.18	11.11	0.185

(-) Amount not sanctioned either due to proposals not received/not complete/documents awaited.

(b) State-wise distribution of financial assistance to voluntary Sanskrit Organisations by the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan.

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.No.	Name of States	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
1.	Andhra Pradesh	7.05	17.05	17.05
2.	Karnataka	1.32	11.32	11.32

3.	Kerala	7.31	17.33	17.33
4.	Manipur	8.17	8.16	8.16
5.	Orissa	9.71	9.76	9.76
6.	Tamil Nadu	8.87	18.87	18.87
7	Delhi	4.30	14.30	14.30
8.	Haryana	22.01	42.01	42.01
9.	Himachal Pradesh	2.34	2.34	2.34
10.	Madhya Pradesh	7.38	7.38	7.38
11.	Maharashtra	8.60	13.60	13.60
12.	Rajasthan	7.04	14.03	14.03
13.	Sikkim	1.43	1.43	1.43
14.	Jammu & Kashmir	1.37	1.37	1.37
15.	Punjab	2.80	5.80	5.80
16.	Gujarat	0.95	1.95	1.95
17.	Goa	0.27	0.27	0.27
18.	U.P.(includes Uttranchal)	80.92	112.05	106.92
19.	West Bengal	30.36	51.35	46.35
20.	Bihar (includes Jharkhand)	24.00	25.37	18.32